



Dear Kindergarten Families,

We are so excited to start our new school year.

Here is some important information regarding the first days of school:

Scavenger Hunt, Tuesday, August 22 from 9-11 am

The kindergarteners and their families are invited by their teachers to a classroom scavenger hunt and orientation on Tuesday, August 22 from 9-11 am. This is a time to meet the teachers and other families, connect with new friends and old, and become familiar with the classrooms. Families will learn of their child's homeroom assignment on this day. No dress code on this day. Appropriate footwear must be worn; no sandals or flip flops.

School Supplies:

Please remember to label all items. You may bring your child(ren)'s school supplies to the Scavenger Hunt.

Parking:

Please enter by the W. 143rd Street gate and park in the back north lot. If you have any other school related business that would keep you later than 11:25 am, please remove your vehicle at that time and park in the main lot.

What Will the First Day of School Look Like?

The first day of school for kindergarten will be on Wednesday, August 23 from 8:15 am-noon. This follows the school calendar for the entire school. Thursday and Friday will be regular school days ending at 3:15 pm. All students must be in uniform attire. For dress code information and the school calendar, please check birchwoodschoool.org/back-to-school/.

What Should I Pack in His/Her Lunch Box?

The daily schedule for all kindergarten students includes a mid-morning snack time, lunch at 11:15 am, an age-appropriate afternoon rest time, and mid-afternoon snack (both snacks and lunch packed from home). Our Early Childhood classrooms are NUT FREE. Please plan accordingly as there are children with life-threatening allergies in these classrooms.

How Should I Dress my Child(ren) on the First Day of School?

Uniform attire. Please check birchwoodschoool.org/back-to-school/ for dress code regulations.

A Message from Your Child(ren)'s Teachers:

Here at Birchwood, we pride ourselves on getting to know the whole child – what ignites and excites their minds. In order for our early childhood teachers to get to know your child more, please fill out the following survey:

[Kindergarten Survey](#)

Again, please feel free to reach out to me or your child's teacher regarding this information or any other matter. We highly value healthy and robust communication between home and school.

We look forward to our first day with great anticipation.

Together with you,

Dr. Christine Neider
Assistant Head of School
Director of Early Childhood Education